

STRASBURG. THE STORY OF THE SIEGE—A PICTURESQUE NARRATIVE BY BERTHOLD AUERBACH.

Berthold Auerbach, who has been summoned to the headquarters of the Grand Duke of Baden, has commenced a series of letters on the siege of Strasburg. The most recent abound in picturesque incidents and narrative.

August 21.—No Sunday bells rang out in all Alsace to-day; not the less do the villagers stream out from every hamlet towards the churches. The peasants are astonished to see at church so many of our soldiers, and of higher and lower officers, all attending without orders.

August 23.—At 10 o'clock this morning some commotion is visible on the roads, and in the houses at the end of the hamlet of Mundolsheim, where one looks out upon the Black Forest range, among the higher and lower officers, the surgeons, nursing staff, etc., and to and fro one sees in rapid movement the little iron firm figure of our commander, General von Werder.

KNOCKING AT THE GATE. AUGUST 24.—Early morning.—The agitation of heart we feel at this moment I cannot describe.

The story of the Judgment of Solomon is repeated. What is Strasburg to the French? It is no more of their home, their hearth; therefore, rather than the other one should have it let it perish. We, however, feel Alsace very near to us, and Strasburg has a sound we cherish deep down in our hearts.

August 25.—Before Strasburg, morning.—Strasburg burns! In this word are crowded all the horrors, terrors, anguish of heart we experienced in the night. My eyes yet smart from the fire flashes, my hand trembles still. So was it to be! Again there is a night of St. Bartholomew—for such was the one just passed—

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